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SUBJECT: SAHARA DEVELOPMENTS

1. KING WILL ADDRESS NATION AT 1830 GMT NOVEMBER 5.
2. DIPLOMATIC DEVELOPMENTS. PRIMIN OSMAN HAD NOTHING TO SAY PUBLICLY UPON HIS RETURN NOVEMBER 4 FROM MADRID. HOWEVER, CONFIDENTIAL

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BEFORE LEAVING MADRID HE UNDERLINED THAT MARCH WOULD CONTINUE,

STATING THAT MARCH WOULD NOT STOP NEGOTIATIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS WOULD NOT STOP MARCH. HOWEVER, HE WAS EQUIVOCAL OVER WHETHER MARCH WOULD GO TO AL AYOUN, AND STRESSED THAT GOM HAD TOO MUCH RESPECT FOR SPANISH PEOPLE TO INFRINGE ON DIGNITY SPANISH ARMY AND LIVES OF SPANISH WHO LIVE IN SAHARA. MININFO BENHIMA SAID IN SUBSEQUENT PRESS CONFERENCE THAT GOAL OSMAN VISIT HAD BEEN TO CONTINUE TALKS, WHICH BASED ON PRINCIPLES LAID OUT BETWEEN KING AND GOS MINISTER SOLIS AT MARRAKECH. BENHIMA SAID MARCH NOT SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION OR NEGOTIATION WITH SPAIN OR UN.

3. SECYGEN WALDHEIM'S PERSONAL REP ANDRE LEWIN HAD "VERY INTERESTING AND VERY LONG" MEETING WITH KING NOVEMBER 4 BEFORE DEPARTING FOR NOUAKCHOTT. MININFO BENHIMA SAID LEWIN CARRIED WALDHEIM MESSAGE ON SC RESOLUTION, AND THAT KING'S RESPONSE WAS "TOTALLY FRANK". BENHIMA REPEATED THAT MESSAGE WOULD HAVE NO EFFECT ON MARCH. NOVEMBER 5 L'OPINION QUOTES "RELIABLE SOURCES" AS SAYING KING'S RESPONSE WAS A FIRM AS WALDHEIM GOT DURING LATTER'S VISIT, AND THAT LEWIN WAS TOLD THAT PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MET WITH DEFECTION TERRITORIAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT JOUMANI.

4. MARCH PLANS. JOURNALISTS REPORTEDLY HAVE BEEN TOLD TO PREPARE TO MOVE TO TARFAYA, LAST STAGING POINT BEFORE BORDER, NOVEMBER 5. SAUDI, JORDANIAN AND GABONESE DELEGATIONS ALSO IN SOUTHERN ASSEMBLY AREAS. MININFO BENHIMA IN HIS NOVEMBER 4 PRESS CONFERENCE REPEATED SEVERAL TIMES THAT MARCH WOULD GO FORWARD. HOWEVER, HE SAID MARCHERS "WILL GO TO SAHARA AND RETURN TO MOROCCO." HE CONTINUED, "MARCH WILL ASSUME RHYTHM AND SPEED WHICH REQUIRED TO PROTECT MARCHERS, MAINTAIN THEIR LOGISTICAL NECESSITIES, AND ASSURE FEEDING AND LODGING REQUIREMENTS." HE SAID IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION THAT NO TROOPS AMONG MARCHERS AND DENIED REPORTS THAT THERE HEALTH PROBLEMS IN CAMPS.

5. COMMENT. WHETHER GOM BUILDING UP TO SOME KIND OF COMPROMISE MARCH WHICH WILL STOP SHORT OF CONFRONTATION WITH SPANISH REMAINS TO BE SEEN. KING'S SPEECH TONIGHT CAN BE EXPECTED TO CLARIFY GOM STRATEGY. OSMAN'S REMARKS ABOUT SPANISH ARMY AND CIVILIANS IN SAHARA ON HIS MADRID DEPARTURE SEEM TO REFLECT GOM APPRECIATION OF SPANISH SENSITIVITIES. KING'S BIG PROBLEM NOW WILL BE TO RECONCILE CONSTRAINTS PLACED ON MARCHERS WITH HIGH PASSIONS AND  
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